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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8103
AMCONSUL ASMARA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CISCO THREE

REF: ASMARA 078 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL RELAYED INQUIRY FROM CISCO MANAGER BAKER IN ASMARA WHETHER MAAG AIRCRAFT COULD BE UTILIZED FLY HIM TO KHARTOUM IF CISCO THREE RELEASED THERE. INQUIRY DID NOT SAY SO, BUT IMPLICATION CLEAR THAT IF CISCO WISHES BAKER JOIN CISCO THREE, IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME FOR HIM TO REACH KHARTOUM SINCE THERE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS.

2. MAAG HERE INDICATES FLIGHT IS FEASIBLE, BUT POINTS OUT THAT OUT-OF-COUNTRY FLIGHTS TO SUDAN INVOLVES CERTAIN CLEARANCE PROCEDURES THAT WOULD REQUIRE WAIVERS ON SHORT NOTICE IF FLIGHT WERE TO MATERIALIZE. FIRST IS 30-DAY DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY FLIGHTS INTO SUDAN AS REQUIRED BY DEPTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE (OASD/ISA) PER PAGE 186, USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE AFRICA AND SOUTHWEST ASIA, 5 DECEMBER 1975. SECOND IS 7-DAY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT FOR OUT-OF-COUNTRY FLIGHTS AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 17 EUCOM, DIRECTIVE 90-6. BOTH WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE GIVEN ADVANCE APPROVAL OR WAIVED IF FLIGHT
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IS TO TAKE PLACE IN A HURRY.

3. WE CANNOT JUDGE REASON FOR LONG LEAD TIME FOR FLIGHTS INTO SUDAN AS REQUIRED BY DEPT, BUT IF DEPT AND KHARTOUM CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MAAG FLIGHT FROM ASMARA AS WORTH PURSUING, THEY MAY WISH GIVE THIS MATTER SOME THOUGHT NOW. IN CASE OF EUCOM REQUIREMENT, DEPT MAY WISH SUGGEST THAT EUCOM WAIVE ITS REQUIREMENT NOW ON CONTINGENCY BASIS FOR THIS SPECIFIC FLIGHT.

4. FOR KHARTOUM: APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE RE VISAS FOR CREW AND BAKER. SUDAN MAINTAINS EMBASSY HERE AND CONGEN IN ASMARA, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE CLEAR APPRECIATION OF HOW QUICKLY THEY WOULD ISSUE VISAS IN EMERGENCY SITUATION.
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